IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A picture processing apparatus configured to process and combine a plurality of input video signals from a plurality of sources on a display, comprising:

an input selecting section configured to select the plurality of input video signals of the plurality of sources to be displayed;

a determining section operative to identify whether or not an input video signal is a signal of which a non-picture portion is added to the periphery of an effective picture area, the determining section having:

an ID detecting portion configured to detect a picture format of the plurality of input video signals of the plurality of sources based on ~~, an additional information detecting portion configured to detect~~ additional information superimposed with the plurality of video signals of the plurality of sources,

a non-signal detecting portion configured to compare [[a]] an overall level of each of the plurality of input video signals of the plurality of sources with a predetermined level; and

a picture processor responsive to the determining section and configured to extract a signal of the effective picture area, and combine an extracted signal on the display when a determined result of the determining section represents that an input video signal is a signal of which a non-picture portion is added to the periphery of the effective picture area.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The picture processing apparatus as in Claim 15,

wherein the picture processor interpolates at proper timings the plurality of input

video signals of the plurality of sources to adjust image sizes of the plurality of input video

signals of the plurality of sources and combine images corresponding to the plurality of input

video signals of the plurality of sources on the display.